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SUBJ: BELIZE IN UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE

1. MRS. FAMAH JOKA-BANGURA OF SIERRA LEONE, CHAIRPERSON 4TH COMMITTEE, TOOK AMB WHITE ASIDE AT SOCIAL FUNCTION AFTERNOON NOV. 2 TO DISCUSS HER CONCERNS ABOUT BELIZE. JOKA-BANGURA SAID SHE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OF COMPETING RESOLUTIONS IN 4TH COMMITTEE, AND SOLICITED US ASSISTANCE. SHE SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL COULD NOT USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.
2. AMB WHITE TOLD HER THAT EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO PRESS MODERATION ON ALL SIDES BUT THAT SO FAR THESE HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN HEADING OFF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS.
3. JOKA-BANGURA ALSO ASKED IF REFERRAL TO INTERNATIONAL COURT MIGHT NOT PROVIDE SOME WAY OF DEFUSING SITUATION. WHITE REPLIED THAT SHE KNEW SOME THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THIS POSSIBILITY BUT THAT DECISION TO REFER TO COURT AND WORDING OF QUDSTIONS BECAME POLITICAL ISSUES. HOWEVER IT MIGHT STILL BE ONE POSSIBLE WAY TO CONCILIATION.

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4. JOKA-BANGURA THEN INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE SOME ROLE IN TRYING TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE IN COMMITTEE, AND WANTED OUR ADVICE ON WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

5. COMMENT: JOKA-BANGURA IS RESPECTED, NOT JUST BY AFRICANS BUT WIDELY IN FOURTH COMMITTEE. WE HAVE FOUND HER TO BE RELIABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. SHE CLEARLY SEES BELIZE AS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS FACING COMMITTEE THIS YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO DO WHAT SHE CAN TO HAVE COMMITTEE PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. HOW MUCH SHE CAN AND WILL DO WE DO NOT KNOW, BUT SHE IS CLEARLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITIES.

6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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